

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

*A Partnership between the Virginia Department of Juvenile
Justice, the Annie E. Casey Foundation and select localities
throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia*

Celebrating 5 Years of JDAI in Virginia

FY 2003 to FY 2008

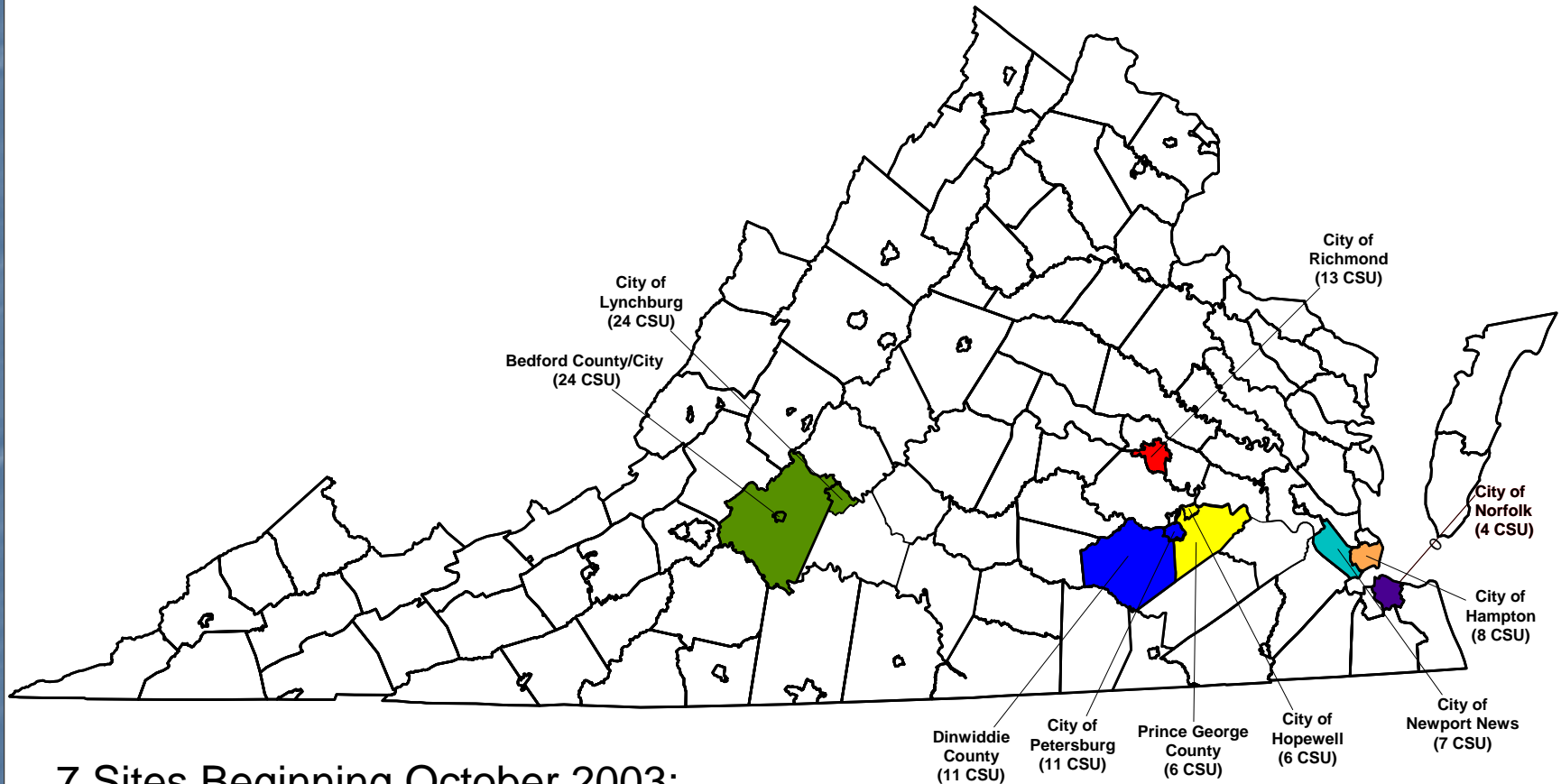
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Why Virginia Got Involved

Pre-JDAI Facts (FY 2003)

- Overcrowding in Some Facilities
- Capital Construction Projects Underway
- 14,489 Pre-dispositional Detention Placements
- Detention rate substantially > national average
- Results of 1 Day Census:
 - VA listed as 2nd Most Detaining State in the Nation
- Detention Population Composition
 - 65% non felony level offenders
 - disproportionately minority youth

Virginia JDAI Sites



7 Sites Beginning October 2003;
8th Site Norfolk added Nov 2005

STRATEGIES

■ COLLABORATION

- key stakeholders convened / collaborative bodies formed (Judges, CSU Directors, Local Govt Admin., Secure Detention, Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Defenders, Human Services, Mental Health, Schools, and more)
- work group assembled and work plans developed
- immersion in data & the JDAI core strategies / site visits / local & national training
- critical examination of local policies and practices, amendments, resolutions
- consensus on the purpose of and utilization of detention in each community
- decisions re: local spending and allocation/reallocation of funding

■ STRUCTURED DECISION MAKING / OBJECTIVE SCREENINGS

- Detention Assessment Instrument (DAI) – mandated by General Assembly
- JDAI sites maintain strict fidelity to the DAI with minimal overrides
- DAI recently validated for public safety outcomes

■ DATA DRIVEN MANAGEMENT

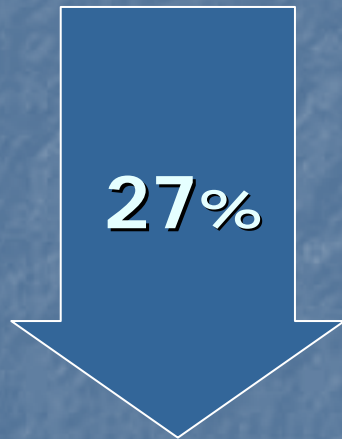
- access to data from centralized, statewide juvenile tracking system
- qtrly & fiscal Yr reports re: admissions, average daily population, length of stay)
- data disaggregated by race, gender, offense
- policy and practice changes driven by data rather than anecdote

STRATEGIES

- DETENTION ALTERNATIVES
 - admissions policies defined; utilization driven by DAI score
 - continuum of alternatives developed consistent with identified needs
 - house arrest, voice verification, family crisis stabilization, outreach detention, electronic monitoring, day & evening reporting centers
 - assessment of capacity, access, cultural competence, and effectiveness
 - allocation / reallocation / cost savings
 - secure detention approx. \$200 a day; alternatives \$5 - \$50 a day
- IMPROVED CASE PROCESSING / REDUCTIONS In LENGTH OF STAY
 - system walk-throughs and assessments to identify bottlenecks
 - new and existing positions focused on "expediting" cases
 - detention review committees established
 - daily detention population sheets distributed to key players
 - scheduling (frequency and time of day) of detention review hearings examined
 - Specialized docketing and fast tracking of some cases

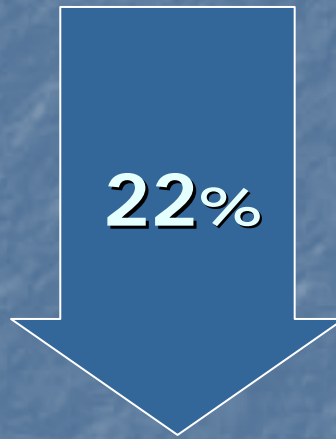
Outcomes in Virginia's JDAI Sites

Admissions



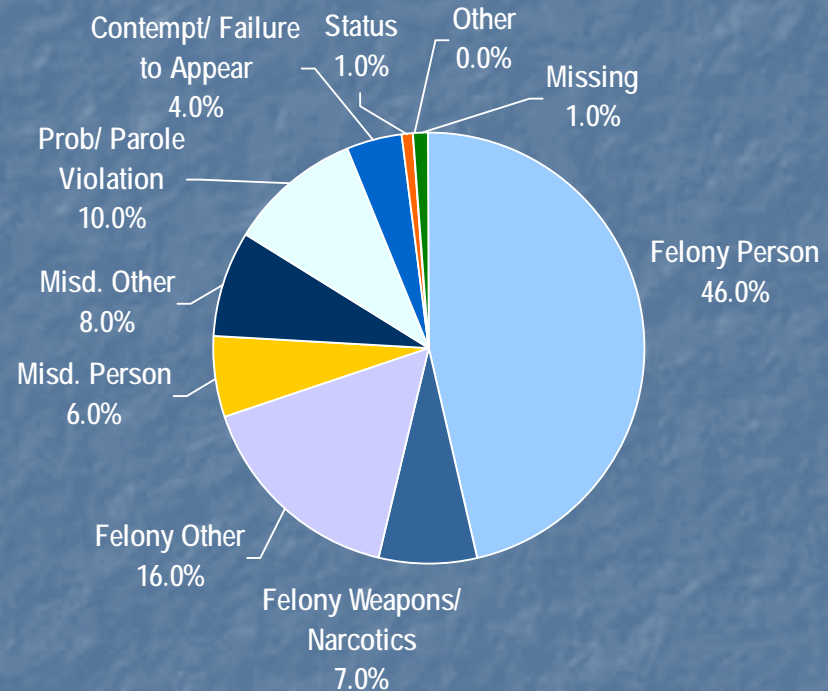
FY 2003 – 3,471
FY 2008 – 2,539

ADP



FY 2003 – 242
FY 2008 – 189

FY 2008 Secure Detention Population Composition*



Changes in Population Composition*

- Percentage of Felony Level Offenders Increased from 50% to 69%
- Percentage of Technical Violators Decreased from 21% to 10%

* Pre-dispositional cases only; circuit court cases excluded

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